

**ROCKY FLATS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION**

**September 7, 2000  
6 — 9:30 p.m.**

**College Hill Library, Front Range Community College  
3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, Colorado**

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**FACILITATOR:** Reed Hodgins

Gerald DePoorter, the Board's chair, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:** Eugene DeMayo, Jerry DePoorter, Joe Downey, Tom Gallegos, Mary Harlow, Victor Holm, Jim Kinsinger, Bill Kossack, Tom Marshall, Bill Petersen, Bryan Taylor / Steve Tarlton, Joe Legare

**BOARD / EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ray Betts, Jeff Eggleston, Mary Mattson, LeRoy Moore, Markuené Sumler / Steve Gunderson, Jeremy Karpatkin, Tim Rehder

**PUBLIC / OBSERVERS PRESENT:** Anna Martinez (DOE-RFFO); Hank Stovall (Broomfield); David Abelson (RFCLOG); Roman Kohler (citizen); P.J. Timmerman (GAO); Ken Korkia (CAB staff); Erin Rogers (CAB staff); Deb Thompson (CAB staff)

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**Comment:** David Abelson: Just want to say for the record, it has been a pleasure and an honor to be able to work with Jerry and the Board on the Stewardship Working Group. As you know, it was a tough road to get to where we are now, but I'm happy and proud to say that I think the Working Group is going well. I admire the commitment of the Board. I think what both the RFCAB and the Coalition bring to the Working Group is complementary, and we look forward to continuing to work with RFCAB as we seek to get DOE to better understand what stewardship is from our perspective.

**Comment:** Steve Tarlton: CDPHE does not have a regulator update prepared since Steve Gunderson could not attend this evening, but I can answer any questions you might have. One item I will note is we had discussed previously some issues around tank cleaning in Building 371. There were six tanks on which the site plans to try a pilot cleaning method. We discussed whether or not that requires a new PAM (Project Action Memorandum — an official RFCA decision document) and have decided that it doesn't actually require a PAM. We feel the site is doing enough planning and involving people in what that work is going to be, and we are comfortable with that process. We encourage anyone who wants more information on that to let either CDPHE or the site know.

**STAFF TRIBUTE:** Erin Rogers, who has worked with the Board since its inception in 1994, is leaving at the end of September. Jerry DePoorter presented Erin with an inscribed plaque from the Board, thanking her for her service over the past six years. Some members

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of the Board and staff then talked about their experiences working with Erin, and gave their individual commendations to Erin.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS:** A representative from each of the Board's three standing committees gave an update on their respective committee's background, activities, and upcoming decisions.

- Environmental Restoration Committee. Work plan activities for this committee over the coming year are RSALs, 903 Pad decision document, Industrial Area Sampling and Analysis Plan, remediation technologies, RFCA Standard Operating Protocols for Remediation Techniques, RFCA annual review, and RFCA integrating Decision Document. Recent activities of the committee include reviewing the 903 Pad study (received presentations by both DOE and EPA on their version of the best way to clean up the area and proposed scenarios involved); plus discussion of soil action levels versus cleanup levels and whether there should be a distinction between the two — such as basing soil action levels on a health standard and then having the cleanup level designate the actual removal of the source of contamination. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday, September 11, to discuss instrumentation used to characterize contamination. The committee is also scheduled to meet on Monday, September 25, for a work session to discuss soil action level issues. Issues for the Board's consideration are public involvement and the RSAL review process. For instance, is the Board satisfied with the current public involvement process; and how might the committee provide further assistance to the Board on this issue? The Board asked the committee to review its list of projects and try to prioritize issues based on the timeline of projects and any upcoming deadlines involved with those specific projects.
- Actinide Migration Evaluation Technical Review Group. This group's primary work plan activity is to track issues related to the site's Actinide Migration Evaluation, and includes water quality issues, surface water standards, and the land configuration study. An upcoming activity of the TRG is a review of Erosion Modeling Document. Tom Hakonson, subcontractor to the TRG, has provided a non-technical summary and comments on the document. The group will review his work and forward Dr. Hakonson's comments to DOE by September 22. The next meeting of the TRG is on Tuesday, September 12, at which the group will receive a presentation by Tom Hakonson on his review of the document, and then discuss Dr. Hakonson's work. Jerry DePoorter displayed a graph/flow chart showing how the erosion model was proposed to work and discussed some of the basic theories behind it. Future issues for the Board's consideration are monitoring progress of the State Water Quality Control Commission regarding possible changes to the South Platte River Basin water standards that might have an impact on Rocky Flats and downstream water users. On Wednesday morning, September 27, the site is planning a walking tour of the hillslopes to be involved in the AME modeling, within the americium zone.
- Stewardship Committee. Work plan assignments for the Stewardship Committee include participating in the joint RFCAB/Coalition Stewardship Working Group, as well as natural resource management issues such as the Rock Creek Reserve, vegetation management, controlled burns, NREL expansion, and the Allard/Udall bills. The joint Allard/Udall bill, which was released in draft form on August 18, addressed many of the Board's concerns. Regarding the prescribed burn, there have been discussions about a future public involvement process, as there may be a burn scheduled for spring 2001. There is nothing new on the Rock Creek Reserve, and NREL. The RFCAB/Coalition Stewardship Working Group has been the primary

focus of the committee. The working group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month, and the time agreed upon is 5:30 — 7:30 p.m. The working group formed a Toolbox Committee to develop information about potential stewardship tools, or activities. Accomplishments of the Stewardship Working Group include developing a working list of goals for a stewardship program at Rocky Flats; monitoring DOE stewardship activities (particularly NDAA submittal); learning about a CDPHE stewardship map and narrative, which shows expected contamination after closure and associated stewardship needs); hearing presentation on mineral rights at Rocky Flats; and learning about near-term cleanup decisions that may have post-closure implications. The Toolbox Committee has accomplished the following: developing categories of stewardship tools and lists of tools within each category; discussing evaluation criteria and data needs for each tool; reviewing Rocky Flats stewardship cost estimates; identifying fixed versus variable stewardship activities (fixed happen regardless of cleanup levels and variable may only be needed under some circumstances). Other activities of the working group include 1) the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's hiring of an intern who is working on a white paper, including stewardship case studies and bibliography, and 2) several RFCAB members attended recent DOE stewardship workshop in Denver, then shared observations and learnings at the last Working Group meeting. The Stewardship Committee does not anticipate bringing recommendations to the Board over the next few months, but may have comments on the revised Udall/Allard bill, depending on the status of that legislation.

**SSAB STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP PLANNING:** Staff gave an update on planning efforts for the EMSSAB Stewardship Workshop. RFCAB will host this workshop for Board members and other representatives from each nuclear weapons site across the country. The workshop will be held at the Executive Tower Hotel in downtown Denver from Wednesday, October 25 through Saturday, October 28. Two planning committees are working on the logistics — one locally and one which exists among SSABs to participate in the workshop. The itinerary includes two separate tours of the Rocky Flats site, an opening reception, all-day meetings with break-out sessions on Thursday and Friday, a banquet-style dinner on Thursday evening at The Fort restaurant in Morrison, and an optional day-trip that will take participants to Estes Park, return via the Peak-to-Peak Highway, with a stop at Coors Brewery for a tour. A total of \$30,000 from DOE-Headquarters has been allocated to RFCAB to fund the workshop; those funds became available this month. In addition, Kaiser-Hill will pay for all costs of the opening reception, up to \$5,000. Workshop participants will pay some costs. Registrations are due by the end of September. Next steps include preparation of a resource book with information from each site, which will be distributed in early October to all participants. Board members were asked to help serve as hosts for this workshop. A form was passed around to enlist volunteers to either attend specific events, or to participate in the entire workshop.

Then the Board participated in an exercise to determine its list of concerns, issues, comments, questions or statements regarding the five identified core topic areas that will be discussed in breakout sessions at the workshop. Those core topics issues are funding and contract compliance issues related to stewardship; public involvement, including Tribal and environmental justice issues; roles and responsibilities, including oversight functions; timing for stewardship planning and implementation; and information management, including historical preservation. Within each of those categories, Board members listed specific topics for discussion. Next the Board was asked to prioritize issues between the five categories, as well as within each category. The two key areas the Board is interested in

discussing at the workshop are timing for stewardship planning and implementation, and funding issues. Staff will compile information based on the Board's input and distribute it to the Board for review. There will also be a follow-up discussion on workshop planning at the October Board meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Membership and Personnel committees made the following recommendations, all of which were approved by the Board.

- **Application for Board Membership — Robin Byrnes.** Robin is working for the City of Westminster in the housing and community development arena. She has worked in this field for many years, focusing on state and federally regulated programs, including planning, review, preparing proposals, regulatory compliance, and citizen/community outreach. In the past, Robin worked for the Adams County Office of Community Outreach, the Energy Conservation Association, and the Community Resource Center in Denver. Robin currently serves as a member of the City of Arvada Human Service Advisory Committee. She has a Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Denver, and a BS in Social Work from State University College at Buffalo, New York. Robin lives in Arvada, and will serve as a community representative.
- **Application for Board Membership — Paul Jurasin.** Paul is chief executive officer of a Boulder-based business specializing in outdoor, recreational, and safety gear for dogs. He also serves as a member of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, specifically on the Chamber's E-Commerce Committee. Paul previously worked in the telecommunications and computer systems industry, including design and testing of digital geographic imaging systems for the U.S. government. A resident of Boulder, Paul has a BS in Geology from Western Michigan University, an MS in Systems Science from the University of Louisville, and an MBA from DePaul University in Chicago. Paul will serve as an administrative/business representative.
- **Application for Board Membership — Curtis Watts.** Curt is the property tax manager for Western Gas Resources, Inc., a company involved in the gathering and processing of natural gas. He has lived near the Rocky Flats site for the past 10 years, both in the Standley Lake area and now in Coal Creek Canyon. As a property tax professional, Curt is specifically interested in matters involving the oversight of Rocky Flats in the future, as well as determining the site's best and safest use. He has a BS in Accountancy from the University of Illinois, and has been a CPA since 1979. Curt is also involved with the American Institute of CPAs and the Colorado Society of CPAs. Curt will serve as a community representative.
- **New Employee — Noelle Stenger.** Based on a recommendation from the Personnel Committee, the Board unanimously agreed to hire Noelle Stenger to replace the Program Coordinator position to be vacated by Erin Rogers. Noelle will receive a salary of \$34,000 per year, with a six-month probationary period. Noelle has more than five years experience as Project Scientist with Roy F. Weston, Inc., an environmental consulting firm. She also worked part-time as a Legislative Researcher in the Hawaii State House of Representatives, and has training and experience dealing with radioactive and hazardous waste remediation sites. Noelle has a law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law, where she specialized in Environmental Law, as well as a BA in English from the University of Hawaii.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Date:** October 5, 6 - 9:30 p.m.

**Location:** College Hill Library, 3705 West 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Westminster

**Agenda:** Quarterly update by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; discuss RFCAB coordination with RSAL review process; final planning for EMSSAB Stewardship Workshop

**ACTION ITEM SUMMARY: ASSIGNED TO:**

1. Review list of projects and prioritize issues being discussed based on project timelines and upcoming deadlines - Environmental Restoration Committee
2. Compile information discussed by Board during workshop planning exercise; distribute to Board at October meeting in preparation for EMSSAB Workshop - Staff

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:10 P.M. \***

(\* Taped transcript of full meeting is available in CAB office.)

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Mary Harlow, Secretary  
Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board

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The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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